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SUBJECT: CAGLAYANGIL COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

1. DURING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON FOREIGN MINISTRY BUDGET NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 22, FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS CONCERNING TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS AND THE STATUS OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE FACE OF THE U.S. EMBARGO, CAGLAYANGIL DEFENDED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AND SAID, "IT MUST BE KNOWN THAT TURKEY AT NO TIME GIVES CONCESSIONS UNDER PRESSURE." HE SAID, "WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO OUR FRIENDS THE AMERICANS AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLAIN THAT WE WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURES". CONCERNING RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS, CAGLAYANGIL SAID, "THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IS NOT (RPT NOT) SUFFICIENT BUT IT IS CONSIDERED A POSITIVE SIGN."

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2. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT RESPONDING TO THEIR PAST EXPERIENCE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ATTEMPTING TO SAFEGUARD TURKISH

SECURITY FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND TIE IT TO A FIRM
GUARANTEE. HE SAID, "WE HAVE BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THIS UNDERSTANDING. AT THIS POINT, I SHALL CONTENT MYSELF
WITH SAYING WE HOPE NEW STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY THESE
MISTAKES."
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